

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0029] with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 1, the airbag apparatus 10 includes a retainer 12 of which the front side is open, an airbag formed of an inner bag 14 and an outer bag ~~16 arranged~~ 16) arranged in the retainer 12 in a folded condition, a substantially column-like inflator 18 serving as a gas generating means for inflating the airbag, a module cover 20 for covering the front opening of the retainer 12, ~~a vent holes 22~~ a vent hole 22 provided to the retainer 12, and a lid 24 serving as a closing mechanism for closing the vent hole 22. The module cover 20 is mounted to the retainer 12 with a mounting member 20b. A tear line 20a is provided on the back of the module cover 20.

Please replace paragraph number [0062] with the following rewritten paragraph:

Also in the airbag apparatus 60, even when the inner pressure of the inner bag 66 has become high before the module cover 70 is pushed open, the gas does not flow ~~does not flows~~ out through the vent holes 84, which allows the airbag to inflate early and the low-capacity inflator to be provided. Of course, when the occupant has hit against the airbag apparatus 60 to increase the inner pressure of the outer bag 68 to a predetermined level, the vent holes 84 are opened without failure.